WHAT IS THIS?

We’ll keep you in suspense. Read on.
Prof. Mary Rudolf (emeritus) is proud to inform us that Matan Peer has received the JIMS (Journal of Israeli Medical Students) Editor’s Choice Award for his article, which appears in the inaugural issue of the journal this month. His research focused on the effects of Covid 19 on the mental health and learning abilities of medical students. Also proud of this achievement are Dr. Jumana Essa Hadad and Dr. Lilach Malatsky.

JIMS was initiated by a group of Israeli medical students who saw and felt the need to encourage high level academic writing. After careful research, they discovered that Israel is lacking a student medical journal, like those found in universities worldwide, such as Yale. In addition, with 16,000 medical journals worldwide, only 2 originate in Israel – so the founding editors acted to make this idea a reality. After contacting the Israeli Medical Association and meeting with the deans of the six Israeli faculties of medicine – including Prof. Skorecki who strongly supports this endeavor – the students formed an editorial board, manual, and website.

Articles accepted for publication will be considered in lieu of the mandatory research thesis. “This is quickly becoming a hub for excellence and research, and a perfect platform to learn about academic writing and publishing,” said Guy Melamed the editor-in-chief and TAU medical student.

Two of five original research articles in the first issue are written by Azrieli students.

**Welcome New International Students**

The Azrieli Faculty of Medicine welcomes the following new PhD students from abroad:

- Sunil Pachakar, joining Dr. Milana Frenkel-Morgenstern’s group
- Kavya Nambiar, joining Prof. Michael Blank’s group
Seminars

- PhD Seminar: Haploinsufficiency of CHD8 leads to distinctive gastrointestinal deficits and gut brain axis abnormalities (Iptisa Chaterjee, Dr. Evan Elliott advisor)
- Upcoming PhD Seminar: Development of an efficient reference-based method for identifying chimeric RNAs and their applications in complex diseases (Rajesh Detroja, Dr. Milana Frenkel-Morgenstern advisor)
- Faculty Seminar: Molecular control of tissue mechanics and morphogenesis (Prof. Ronen Zaidel-Bar, TAU)
- Upcoming Faculty Seminar: Cell communication in the microenvironment of the skeleton (Prof. Noam Levaot, BGU)

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Prof. Chaim Putterman, Associate Dean for Research, upon his appointment as member of the Israeli National Academy of Science in Medicine by the Israeli Medical Association.
- Congratulations to Dr. Hava Gil Henn and her lab on the selection of one of their images to be on the cover of the November 2021 issue of MBOC (Molecular Biology of the Cell journal), with the following explanation and credit:

![Image](attachment:image.jpg)

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Protein tyrosine kinase 2 (Pyk2) localizes to focal adhesions, where it regulates cell-edge protrusion dynamics and cell migration by interacting with Crkl. The total internal reflection fluorescence image shows Pyk2 knockout mouse embryonic fibroblasts expressing green fluorescent protein-tagged Pyk2 (green) and labeled for endogenous vinculin (red). Insets demonstrate single focal adhesions, where Pyk2 and vinculin colocalize. See the article by Lukic et al. in this issue of MBoC (ar17). (Images: Nikola Lukic, Laboratory for Cell Migration and Invasion, Azrieli Faculty of Medicine, Bar-Ilan University, Safed, Israel)

Condolences

Condolences to Prof. Johnny Younis, Vice Dean Clinical Education, on the passing of his mother.
Nizar Andria, Shemy Carasso, Edo Birati, Offer Amir, Ibrahim Marai: Utilization and Complications of Catheter Ablation for Ventricular Arrhythmia in Patients with Mechanical Prosthetic Valves (J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol.)

Khalaf Kridin: Retrospective analysis of the clinical characteristics and patient-reported outcomes in vulval lichen planus: Results from a single-center study (J Dermatol.)

Jacob Bornstein: Vulvar High-Grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions and Cancer as a Risk Factor for Anal Cancer: A Review (J Low Genit Tract Dis.)

Andrei Braester, Sahar Khouri, Bennidor Raviv, Masad Barhoum: Is There a Predictive Value of High Mean Platelet Volume in Early Diagnosis of Venous Thromboembolism? (Isr Med Assoc J)

Maamoun Basheer, Elias Saad, Rechnitzer Hagai, Nimer Assy: Clinical Predictors of Mortality and Critical Illness in Patients with COVID-19 Pneumonia (Metabolites.)

Offer Amir: In Search of Clinical Impact: Advanced Monitoring Technologies in Daily Heart Failure Care (J Clin Med.)


Fabio Kusniec, Ibrahim Marai, Offer Amir: The Relationship Between Body Mass Index and In-Hospital Mortality in Patients Following Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Surgery (Front Cardiovasc Med.)

Eina Levy, Ohad Ronen, Eyal Sela, Eli Layos, Netanel Eisenbach, Nour Ibrahim, Amiel Dror, Amani Daoud, Tal Marshak: Inferior turbinate reduction: Comparing postoperative bleeding between different surgical techniques (J Laryngol Otol.)

Adam Sagir: In-vivo evidence of systemic endothelial vascular dysfunction in COVID-19 (Int J Cardiol.)

Michal Werbner, Joel Alter, Moshe Dessau, Meital Gal-Tanamy: BNT162b2 mRNA vaccine elicited antibody response in blood and milk of breastfeeding women (Nat Commun.)

Zohar Hamo, Maya Azrad, Boris Fichtman, Avi Peretz: The Cytopathic Effect of Different Toxin Concentrations From Different Clostridioides difficile Sequence Types Strains in Vero Cells (Front Microbiol.)
• Ibrahim Marai, Matan Shimron, Eevgeni Hazanov, Wadia Kinany, Liza Grosman-Rimon, Offer Amir, Shemy Carasso: Left atrial function analysis in patients in sinus rhythm, normal left ventricular function and indeterminate diastolic function (Int J Cardiovasc
• Joel Alter, Moshe Dessau, Meital Gal-Tanamy: Lower Serologic Response to COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine in Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Treated with Anti-TNFα (Gastroenterology .)

Faculty News (https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/faculty-news )
• Congratulations to Prof. Jacob Bornstein on Appointment as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease

Faculty Exposure (https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/media)
• jpost.com: COVID-19: Is travel solely a luxury of the vaccinated? - analysis (Prof. Michael Edelstein)
• jpost.com: Israel to recognize Russia’s Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine (Prof. Michael Edelstein)

Gallery (https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/gallery)
• Azrieli Student Union New Academic Year Happening (October 2021)

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Write to us, here.
You are cordially invited to the
Launch of
The Russell Berrie Galilee Diabetes SPHERE

Tuesday, November 16, 2021
12 Kislev 5782 | 17:00 - 19:30
At the Igal Allon Cultural Center
100 Hapalmach St. Safed

In the presence of:
Governmental officials
Distinguished guests

The Program:
17:00 Reception, cocktail & refreshments
18:00 Greetings & launch ceremony
19:15 Coffee & dessert

Please RSVP by November 10, 2021
at this link »

We would love to see you at this exciting event!

* The event will take place according to Green Pass guidelines